

Alabama Board of Nursing 2013 Annual Report Standardized Procedures

In 2001, the Board of Nursing recognized that nursing practice would continue to evolve over time due to the ever-changing role of medicine and practice. The board realized that the nursing educational programs would not be able to teach everything that advances in healthcare would require. With this in mind, the Board adopted rules related to standardized procedures for nursing practice beyond basic educational preparation.

The standardized procedure (SP) process has continued to be a success that ensures the safety of the public through the application of education, training, and competency validation for procedures that go beyond basic nursing education. The approved standardized procedures address every level of licensure in the state.

Since the implementation of the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-6, the Board has accepted and approved 8,322 standardized procedures from 807 health care providers across the state. A detailed listing of the approved procedures is available on the ABN website, www.abn.alabama.gov/ located under the Nursing Practice tab. The SPs are listed under different nursing practice topic headings.

The Board continues to review SP applications for approval and obtain annual data from the healthcare organizations related to each facilities use of standardized procedures. Through this process, the Board is able to determine the continued safe practice of nursing and protection of the public.

During fiscal year 2013, there were twelve (12) standardized procedures applications approved as submitted. These twelve procedures had been previously approved by the Board. There was one (1) new standardized procedure for Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation by a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner approved. There were thirteen (13) SP applications returned for more information. In addition, there were five (5) SP applications closed due to lack of follow-through by the facility.

Standardized Procedures Applications	October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013
Approved (previously approved)	12
Approved (New procedure)	1
Returned for more information	13
Closed due to inaction	6
TOTAL	32